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SUBJECT: ESSO ALLOWED CONTINUE FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTION
IN PUNJAB

REF: KARACHI 1983

1. ESSO FERTILIZER PLANT MANAGER BREWER, IN ABSENCE SWEENEY, INFORMED CONGEN OCT. 1 HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM PUNJAB CONTROLLER OF DISTRIBUTION STATING THAT, "DURING REVIEW" AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOP AND ESSO COMPANY WOULD BE ALLOWED CONTINUE MARKETING FERTILIZER IN PUNJAB. ALTHOUGH BREWER HAS NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHETHER LETTER REPRESENTS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT REVERSAL OF POSITION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY GOPUNJAB, HE SUSPECTS IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE ACTUAL RETREAT FROM ORIGINAL PROVINCIAL POLICY OF COMPLETE MARKETING TAKE-OVER.

2. BREWER ALSO SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM JOHN EAGAN THAT DAWOOD/HERCULES STORAGE SHEDS NOW ALMOST FILLED WITH STORED FERTILIZER AWAITING MARKETING, INDICATING ABOUT
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25,000 TONS ON HAND. BREWER BELIEVED DECISION PROVINCIALIZE

FERTILIZER MARKETING IN PUNJAB TAKEN AT HIGHLY INOPPORTUNE TIME WHEN FERTILIZER BADLY NEEDED MAXIMIZE YIELD FROM COMING RABI CROP AND BEFORE ANY KIND OF EFFICIENT PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK ESTABLISHED. BREWER FURTHER OPINED DISTRIBUTION IMPORTED FERTILIZER WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER STOCKS FROM DAWOOD/HERCULES, WITH POSSIBILITY FURTHER ACCUMULATION.

3. COMMENT: WOULD SEEM FROM HERE THAT LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ESSO FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTION IN PUNJAB MAY BE INDICATION SUCCESS EMBASSY/INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIONS OR ELSE REALIZATION BY GOPUNJAB THAT IT HAS BITTEN OFF MORE THAN IT CAN CHEW.
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